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**Request
for
Continued Examination (RCE)
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Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 1.32, effective May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA)

Application Number	09/677,075
Filing Date	September 29, 2000
First Named Inventor	Gregory J. Kostrzewsky
Group Art Number	3682
Examiner Name	Joyce, William C.
Attorney Docket Number	99RE055/YOD (REEL:0013)

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14965 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

a. Previously submitted

- i Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on July 8, 2003.
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- iii Other _____

b. Enclosed

- i Amendment/Reply
- ii Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv Other _____

2. Miscellaneous

a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) (required))

b. Other _____

3. Fee

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- i RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
- ii Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17) 1st month previously paid plus one additional month.
- iii Other _____

b. Check in the amount of \$ _____ enclosed.

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